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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Attorney Docket Number	100021-09056	REN)

Thi	s is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Fine Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.	On. JUN 03 VED
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	ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on				
	iii.	Other				
b.	□ Enclosed					
	i.	☑ Preliminary Amendment				
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)						
	iii.	☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)				
	iv.	□ Petition for Extension of Time				
Miscellaneous						
a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for				
		a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)				
b.		Other				
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